Have you ever heard anyone talk about “famous last words”? These are statements that a person might have said right before he or she died. Here are a couple examples: “No, this isn’t a poisonous snake.” Or, “This gun is never loaded with real bullets.” Then there’s the person who says, “Seat belts? Don’t need them because I’m a careful driver.” And let’s not forget the young person who announces to his friends, “Sure, I can jump over that deep hole in the ground.” Get the idea?

Jesus had some last words to share with His disciples right before He left them to return to heaven. They were very serious words and were meant for you and me too. Look up the text in the LIBRARY and write what Jesus said.
to His disciples—and to us—right before He left this earth and returned to His Father in heaven. Add the missing words.

“But the Holy Spirit will __________ to you. Then you will receive __________. You will be my __________” (Acts 1:8).

According to Jesus, three things were going to happen to us right in a row after He left. They are the same three things that can happen to us if we accept what Jesus said.

1. The Holy Spirit will come.
2. We will receive power.
3. We will become witnesses.

Wow! That’s pretty amazing, seeing that we’re just simple, little ol’ us! But when the Holy Spirit shows up, we become “Super Us!” We’re powerful! We have a job to do. Using that power from the Holy Spirit, we can share God’s love with the whole world. (And you thought you were just going to be a veterinarian or a truck driver. Seems God has even more plans in mind.)

Have you ever seen a professional bicycle race? It’s amazing. Athletes from around the world gather in one place to speed through cities and over country roads, each trying to finish the race first. They pedal over mountains, across valleys, through tunnels, and hurl down steep roads at a breakneck pace.

Once the bicyclers have raced past, another group of people follows close behind. Each rider has a support team riding in a car or van that follows him or her, ready to lend a hand if something breaks or there’s a bad spill or if the rider simply needs words of encouragement. That support team is very important to the rider. It’s there to help in time of need and to bring words of wisdom when all seems lost.

That’s the work of the Holy Spirit. He’s our support team, ready to step in with help and comfort right when we need it most. Aren’t you glad that in this life, the Holy Spirit is right behind you, eager to give you the encouragement and information you need to win the race?

Fun Facts

BICYCLE FEAT:
• Fred A. Birchmore, 25, circled the globe by bicycle in 1935. The entire trip, through Europe, Asia, and the United States covered 40,000 miles. He pedaled about 25,000 miles. The rest was traveled by boat.*

About 100 million bicycles are manufactured worldwide each year.